

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/790,747

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 11/07/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-15, and 22-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The request filed on 12/08/06 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/790747 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An Action on the RCE follows.
2. The amendments filed on 11/06/06 have been entered. Applicants have amended the specification to include this application as a continuation-in-part of the application 10/354000 (US 20040150969) filed on 1/30/03.

Specification

3. The amended specification is approved.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicants' arguments, Remarks/Arguments, pages 8-10, filed on 11/06/06, with respect to the prior reference art (US 20040150969) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-6, 9-15, and 22-25 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-6, 9-15, and 22-25 are allowed.

Reasons for allowance

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1 and 22 recite a structure of a circuit board that has a solid ground plane formed in between two dielectric layers; on one of the dielectric layers there has a signal line having two ground lines electrically coupled to the ground layer formed on both sides; the signal line is connected with another signal line which is formed on the another layer of the dielectric layers through a conductive via extending through the

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ground layer; thus, resulting a shielding for at least one of the signal line that has two ground lines on both side with an underneath ground layer. The best prior references art of record, Shimada et al. (US 6353189) and Ishizuki et al. (US 20040009666), in combination, fail to disclose such the structure.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa C. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-8293. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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